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SUBJECT: STATUS OF AFGHAN PRONOUNCEMENTS ON PAK-AFGHAN AFFAIRS

1. SUMMARY: REVIEW OF AFGHAN PRONOUNCEMENTS REGARDING PAKISTAN SINCE MARCH 1 REVEALS NO ABATEMENT OF PROPAGANDA EFFORTS. RECENT STATEMENTS BY PRESIDENT DAOUD DO NOT HOWEVER PLOW NEW GROUND AND LARGELY CONSIST OF REITERATIONS OF POINTS MADE FORMWLLY IN HIS LETTERS OF SEPTEMBER 7, AND NOVEMBER 27, 1974, AND MARCH 2. 1975, TO UNSECGEN WALDHEIM. RADIO PROPAGANDA HOWEVER APPEARS TO HAVE TAKEN ON NEW VIRULENCE. END SUMMWRY.

2. DESPITE REPORTED INFORMAL EFFORTS IN LATE FEBRUARY TO CONVINCE PAKISTANI AND AFGHAN GOVERNMENTS TO DIMINISH THEIR OUTPUT OF VITRIOLIC STATEMENTS, AND EVEN FLEETING EVIDENCE THAT AN AGREEMENT MAY HAVE BEEN NEAR FOR THEIR DOING SO, OUR READING OF OUTPUT AS RECEIVED AND MONITORED HERE POINTS TO QUITE ANOTHER OUTCOME.

3. DAOUD'S PERSONAL STATEMENTS HOWEVER HAVE OF LATE, WE BELIEVE, BEEN RELATIVELY MILD IN THAT NO NEW GROUND COVERED, NOR CHARGES MADE, AND WHAT HAS BEEN SAID IN INFORMAL SETTINGS (AS IN

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DAOUD'S INTERVIEW WITH "BLITZ" OF BOMBAY EDITOR KARANJIA

REPORTED KABUL 1596) DOES NOT NOTICEABLY EXCEED WHAT HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE OFFICIAL RECORD IN LETTER TO UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM (KABUL 2021). GENERALLY FAMILIAR PRONOUNCEMENTS BOIL DOWN TO: (A) ASSERTION THAT AFGHANISTAN'S ONLY POLITICAL DIFFERENCE WITH PAKISTAN REVOLVES AROUND "RESTORATION OF THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF OUR PUSHTUN AND BALUCHI BROTHERS."; (B) CLAIM THAT PAKISTAN IS CARRYIN HOUT REPRESSION IN BALUCHISTAN WHICH INCLUDES A "PRE-MEDITATED POLICY OF GENOCIDE AND MASS EXTERMINATION"; (C) THAT ARISING FROM CONTINUING PAKISTANI AGGRESSION (WHICH, INCIDENTALLY, IS INTERPRETED AS BECOMING INCREASINGLY LIKELY AND EFFECTIVE AS RESULT OF U.S. LIFTING ARMS EMBARGO) IN BALUCHISTAN HAS BEEN EXODUS OF REFUGEES INTO AFGHANISTAN, EVEN TO THE POINT OF THEIR BECOMING A "BURDEN" HERE, COUPLED WITH DENIALS THAT THERE HAS BEEN A COUNTERFLOW OF DISSATISFIED AFGHANS INTO PAKISTAN; (D) CALL FOR INTERNATIONAL FACT FINDING MISSION TO INVESTIGATE CONDITIONS IN BALUCHISTAN (AND IN BALUCHI REFUGEE CAMPS IN AFGHANISTAN); (E) ALLEGATION THAT PAKISTAN GOVT. STAGED BOMBING INCIDENTS IN PAKISTAN, AND THAT SHERPAO ASSASSINATION WAS ENGINEERED TO PREPARE GROUND FOR LIQUIDATION OF OPPOSITION PARTIES. (F) ALLEGATIONS OF PAKISTANI INVOLVEMENT IN A COUP PLOT AGAINST AFGHAN GOVERNMENT; AND (G) REJECTION OF PAKISTANI CLAIMS THERE IS AFGHAN COMPLICITY IN TRAINING GUERILLAS TO BE SENT TO DO DAMAGE WITHIN PAKISTAN.

4. DAOUD'S ADDRESSES FOR PURELY DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION HAVE BEEN MILD WITH REGARD TO PAKISTAN. IN MAJOR SPEECH AT KANDAHWR MARCH 17, ENROUTE BETWEEN STATE VISITS TO INDIA-BANGLADESH AND IRAQ (KABUL 1835) REFERENCES WERE VEILED EVEN TO POINT PAKISTAN NOT MENTIONED BY NAME. HE MENTIONS ONLY "THE ENEMY." (LET THE ENEMY SAY WHAT IT PLEASES AND INDULGE IN PROPAGANDA, BECAUSE OUR PEOPLE CAN EASILY SEE THROUGH THIS PROPAGANDA AND AGITATION AS SHEER FABRICATION AND UNREAL, AND THUS IT WILL BE IN OUR OWN ADVANTAGE" AND "OUR ENEMIES ARE TRYING TO CREATE DISCORD AND MALICEAMONG THE PEOPLE, AND EXPLOIT IT IN THEIR OWN INTERESTS.)

5. BY CONTRAST, RADIO AFGHANISTAN HAS BEEN EXCEEDINGLY ROUGH. A BROADCAST OF MARCH 27 STATED, FOR EXAMPLE, "IF ONE DOES ANYTHING AGAINST ISLAM THAT PERSON MUST BE KILLED. BHUTTO
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DOES EVERYTHING AGAINST ISLAM." AN EARLIER BROADCAST ASSERTED "BHUTTO DOES NOT BELIEVE IN HUMANITY, BUT ONLY IN KILLING CHILDREN." ANOTHER (MARCH 15) STATED:

"THE ONLY WAY FOR YOU TO GET AWAY FROM ALL YOUR PROBLEMS, MR. BHUTTO, IS TO RESIGN. ONLY THEN CAN YOU SLEEP AND EAT. OTHERWISE, THE BRAVE PUSHTUNS WILL NEVER LET YOU REST. COME ON, BRAVE PUSHTUNS, GET YOUR SWORDS AND KILL THE ENEMY."

6. WE NOTE AT THE SAME TIME THAT IN BROADCASTS FROM PAKISTAN
MONITORED HERE THIS KIND OF VIRULENCE DOES NOT PROCEED ON
ONE-WAY STREET. SAMPLES: " IF THE GREAT PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN
DON'T GET RID OF THIS WILD AND CRUEL GOVERNMENT IN TIME AFGHAN-
ISTAN WILL BECOME A "BATTLEFIELD." "NOW AFGHANS LIVE UNDER
CONDITIONS WHICH WERE NOT SEEN EVEN DURING THE ADMINISTRATION
OF GENGHIS KHAN." AFGHAN GOVERNMENT USUALLY REFERRED TO AS
"KINGDOM OF KABUL" AND "KINGDOM OF THE BROTHERS" IN REFERENCE
TO DAOUD AND NAIM. IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO AWARD PRIZE FOR
CORROSIVE CONTENT ON RADIO, BUT IN LAST FEW WEEKS AFGHANS MAY
HAVE LEADING EDGE.
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